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Public safety center dedicated; now ready to serve

HESPERIA – County, state, federal and local dignitaries and scores of public safety personnel and community members ushered in a new era in public safety for the Victor Valley and all of San Bernardino County today with the dedication of the High Desert Public Safety Operations Center.

The 30,000-square-foot complex is located within the 2½-year-old Jerry Lewis High Desert Government Center, which was built not only to the highest environmental standards but also to survive an extreme disaster. The PSOC houses an updated and expanded Sheriff and Fire 911 call and dispatch center and an emergency operations center.

"This high-tech operations center for sheriff's and fire dispatchers is great news for first responders and the High Desert community as a whole. And the fact that the project came in at 45 percent under budget is great news for taxpayers," said Supervisor Lovingood, whose First District includes Hesperia and most of the High Desert.

The facility, which goes into operation at the end of the month, will not only make the High Desert self-sufficient during a disaster, but if the county's main emergency operations center in Rialto is disabled, the High Desert PSOC is equipped to become the crisis nerve center for the entire county.

"At the flip of a switch we can transfer work from one center to another," said County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig. "This is especially important in our county because of the concern we have for a big earthquake."

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Faced with the need to replace the county's aging emergency operations center in Rialto, housed in a building not designed to withstand a disaster, the county conducted a review in 2007 that concluded the county needed two emergency operations centers, one in the San Bernardino Valley and the other in the High Desert. The High Desert facility alone was projected to cost \$38.8 million.

The Board of Supervisors, with assistance from the County Administrative Office, in 2011 developed the idea of using surplus space in the Jerry Lewis High Desert Government Center at less than half the cost of a separate building.

"This is what our employees deserve," Sheriff-Coroner John McMahon said of the new 911 dispatch center, which will replace crowded and outdated space elsewhere in the High Desert. "These are the people who take care of us."

The \$16.7 million PSOC is served by a 175-foot communication tower that will give first responders the ability to communicate when lives are at stake. The facility will provide multiple communication paths in and around the greater Victor Valley. Two types of devices, land mobile radio type antennas and microwave dishes, are attached to the tower.

All of the elements at the PSOC will have duplicate emergency generators that back up power to the building as well as the systems within the facility.

"This is the closest thing I've seen to being ready for combat," said Congressman Paul Cook, a retired Marine colonel whose district includes the High Desert. "This is the most important thing we do for our citizens."

This facility incorporates the concept of a Fusion Center – a place where all agencies and people essential in all aspects of an emergency can work together to assist the public, keep them safe, and orchestrate recovery. A key goal will be to provide critical information to first responders, government and community leaders, the news media, and the public.



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Hepatitis A Outbreak Associated with Townsend Farms Organic Blend Frozen Berries

San Bernardino: Two cases of hepatitis A have been confirmed in San Bernardino County linked with the consumption of the Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend of frozen berries sold through Costco. Consumers are being warned not to eat the frozen berries as they may be linked to the multistate outbreak of hepatitis A infections. The County Department of Public Health is collaborating with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other public health officials to investigate the multistate outbreak of hepatitis A illness.

To date, at least 30 cases are being investigated nationwide. In California, six confirmed illnesses in persons who consumed this product have been reported. Other counties that have reported cases are: Humboldt, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego counties. Three of these individuals have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

“People who have bought this product should discard it if still found in their home,” said Maxwell Ohikhuare, County Health Officer. “Anyone who has consumed this specific product in the last 14 days should contact their doctor to discuss possible hepatitis A prevention and treatment options.”

Costco has removed this product from stores and is notifying their member customers who have bought this product. County public health officials will continue to work CDPH, the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov) and the [Food and Drug Administration](http://www.fda.gov) on this outbreak.

Symptoms of hepatitis A virus infection include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, clay-colored bowel movements, joint pain and jaundice (a yellowing of the skin or eyes). Symptoms develop two to six weeks after consuming contaminated food or drink and can last from one week to several months.

Most people recover completely, but sometimes hepatitis A can lead to hospitalization and severe illness. It is very important that if you have symptoms like this you do not go to work, especially if you work in food service, health care or child care. For more details see the CDPH fact sheet: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/CDCHepAGeneralFactSheet.pdf>

People who develop symptoms of hepatitis should consult their health care provider. For more information on hepatitis A, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Outbreaks/2013/A1b-03-31/advice-consumers.html> or contact the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health, Communicable Disease Section at 1-800-722-4794

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DIVERS ARE SCHEDULED FOR LAKE GREGORY

As part of the ongoing coordination between County Special Districts and the Regional Parks Department for the repair of the valves at Lake Gregory Dam, divers are scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd at 10:00 AM. The purpose of the dive is to determine the entry point of the tunnel inlet in the lake. Divers will be onsite for 4 to 5 hours and will do two dives.

The first dive will be to drop and position the anchor block, chain and buoy and to photograph the conditions of the tunnel inlet. The divers will make a second dive to enter the tunnel, make any additional exploration and finally video the tunnel entrance to the inlet.

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San Bernardino County Survivor Expo – June 8, 2013 Having a plan can save your life.

That's the message San Bernardino County want people to take away during an upcoming exhibit on disaster preparedness.

On June 8 at Glen Helen Regional Park, the Office of Emergency Services in partnership with the Department of Regional Parks has coordinated a one-stop shop for all-hazards titled 'San Bernardino County Survivor Expo'. The goal is for citizens and visitors to be prepared for, respond, and recover from all natural or man-made disasters.

"When an emergency strikes, so does chaos. Having a practiced and effective emergency plan is so crucial to ensuring the life of yourself and your loved ones when danger arises. Disaster preparedness can truly save lives," said San Bernardino County Fifth District Supervisor, Josie Gonzales.

The expo will feature emergency workshop presentations and activities for everyone, from tent camping demonstrations presented by Wal-Mart, to caring for your pets and workshops for children. Attendees will also have a chance to get an up close look at the fire engines, police vehicles, and other rescue equipment that will be on display. Various giveaways and promotions including free opportunity drawings - a lucky winner can receive four tickets to Tim McGraw's 7 p.m. concert at the San Manuel Amphitheater the same night or a Regional Park camping package.

Other vendors will be attending such as American Red Cross, United Way, Southern California Edison, Honeyville Farms, San Bernardino County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, San Bernardino County Community Emergency Response Team and many others.

The event will be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2555 Glen Helen Parkway in San Bernardino. There is only a \$5 charge for parking. For more information, call (909) 387-3331 or visit www.sbcounty.gov/parks.

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HERO Financing Program Approved in San Bernardino County

23 cities and towns within San Bernardino County and the County of San Bernardino Pass Resolutions to Adopt Successful Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing Program

San Bernardino, CA— The San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG) Board of Directors has voted to make the HERO Financing Program available to residents and businesses of San Bernardino County. More than 6,000 homeowners have already been approved for HERO financing in nearby communities and they have seen a significant economic impact from the program in the form of jobs, reduced carbon emissions, energy savings, and the promise of increased property values.

The HERO Program enables property owners to install upgrades that save resources and lower utility bills while stimulating demand for local construction services. The program is designed, in part, to help municipalities reach state-mandated reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Homeowners and businesses will be able to finance home energy and water efficiency upgrades, including installing solar panels, efficient windows and doors, and efficient heating and cooling systems, through the HERO Program.

HERO is the largest and most successful Property Assessed Clean Energy Program in the nation. The HERO Program originally launched in December 2011 in 17 cities within Riverside County, has approved more than \$185 million in eligible improvements. Now the program will soon be available to residents and businesses in the communities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Twenty Nine Palms, Upland, Victorville, Yucaipa, and Yucca Valley.

“We are excited to make HERO available to residents and businesses in communities throughout San Bernardino County,” said Janice Rutherford, SANBAG President and San Bernardino County Supervisor. “We know that people want to make improvements to their home to lower their utility bills, but the up-front costs often prevent them from moving forward. Now homeowners can make upgrades that lower their utility bills, which in turn improve their property values, while at the same time reducing demand for energy, stimulating local economic growth, and lowering emissions.”

More than 900 contractors are registered under the program and more than 2,500 local jobs have been created or supported to date through HERO. “Our business is growing as a direct result of HERO Financing. I have recently hired 12 new employees and plan on expanding our business to new regions that offer HERO Financing,” said Doug McMillan of California Showcase Construction.

The HERO Program is now available to any city or county in California that wants to help residents and businesses save money on utility bills and improve their property. Local governments simply pass a resolution in order to join HERO, and participation is voluntary for homeowners. Property owners must apply and qualify to receive funding. Homeowners must have at least 10% equity in their homes, be current on the mortgage and property taxes, not have filed for bankruptcy, and meet other requirements.

About HERO

The HERO Program is a private-public partnership, which enables any city or county to offer HERO financing within their community. The Program is fully funded and requires no cost outlays by participating cities and counties. HERO has received a number of awards, including the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) President’s Award for Excellence, the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Best of the Best, and the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) California Top 10 Green Building Policies for Municipalities. To learn more about HERO please contact Mark Rodgers at 916-998-0062 or at mrodgers@herofinancing.com.

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Public Defender continues to serve in Barstow & Needles

Despite courthouse closures and drastic reductions in hours in Barstow and Needles, attorneys from the County Public Defender's Office will maintain a presence at those two locations to serve clients in need of representation.

A defense attorney will be available to meet with clients in the Public Defender's Barstow office on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in at the Public Defender's Needles office in the afternoons of the first and third Friday of each month from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The Barstow office is located at 235 E. Mt. View in Barstow. The Needles office is located at 1111 Bailey Ave. in Needles.

Clients can call (760) 241-0413 for more information.



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First Lady to Present National Medal to Outstanding Museums, Libraries May 8
White House Ceremony Celebrates Exceptional Contributions to Communities

WHAT: In a White House Ceremony on May 8, First Lady Michelle Obama will join Director Susan Hildreth and the Institute of Museum and Library Services to present the 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Ten institutions from across the country will be honored. In addition to the museum and library leaders, a member from each recognized community will participate in the ceremony to highlight how the museum or library has affected their lives.

2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service recipients:

- Boston Children's Museum, Boston, Mass.
- Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
- Delta Blues Museum, Clarksdale, Miss.
- Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana, Calif.
- Marshalltown Public Library, Marshalltown, Iowa
- National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Pierce County Library System, Tacoma, Wash.
- Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Rancho Cucamonga Public Library, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
- Waukegan Public Library, Waukegan, Ill.

WHO: First Lady Michelle Obama
Director Susan Hildreth, Institute of Museum and Library Services
Medal Winner Institution Directors & Community Members
National Museum and Library Services Board

WHEN: Wednesday, May 8, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: The White House, East Room

CREDENTIALING: Any reporter interested in covering this event must contact Sara Neumann at (202) 414-0788 or sneumann@susandavis.com by **Monday, May 6 at 1 p.m. EDT** to initiate the credentialing process.

MEDIA NOTE: To coordinate advance or on-site interviews with IMLS Director Susan Hildreth or 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service recipients and community members, please contact Sara Neumann at (202) 414-0788 or sneumann@susandavis.com.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit <http://www.ims.gov> and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



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JUDY DIAMOND EMBRACES THE PARK DISTRICT

Judy Diamond, mountain resident and founder of Love Embracing Children Toys donated over a thousand items, like Crayons, scissors, fabric paint, carnival toys and games (to just name a few) for the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District childcare programs and their participants.

The Park District is so grateful for the out pouring generosity provided by Diamond and was enlightened to learn about her supportive efforts she has done in her lifetime with Love Embracing Children Toys. From the youth of Los Angeles County to San Bernardino County to the patients of Children's Hospital and to the many families of the mountain communities, Diamond has supported dozens of children and their families find happiness and wellbeing.

The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District would like to recognize and announce their gratitude for Judy Diamond and remind those of the positive acts going on in the community and how much they mean to us all.

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Rim of the World Recreation and Park District General Manager, Karen Reams and Love Embracing Children Toys founder, Judy Diamond loaded-up the car with over a thousand items donated by Diamond for the Park District's Childcare and Youth Programs.

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New Social Media Sites Launched for DEHS

The Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) is always looking for ways to increase communication and health education outreach to the community, and social media is an important tool in reaching San Bernardino County residents, visitors, and operators. We have launched several new social media sites over the past few months. Our English-language Pinterest site is <http://pinterest.com/sbehs> and our Spanish-language site is <http://pinterest.com/sbehsesp>. We will be "pinning" to boards on pool safety and drowning prevention, as well as mosquito and vector control, food safety and foodborne illness prevention, and more.



We have also created two YouTube channels. The link for our English-language channel is www.youtube.com/user/sbcdehs and the link for our Spanish-language channel is www.youtube.com/user/sbcdehsesp. Check out our playlists called "Drowning Prevention/Pool Safety Videos" and "Videos de Piscina Segura."

DEHS is now on Instagram. Our username is sbehs. We'll be posting photos on drowning prevention and pool safety, as well as other environmental health topics. Please follow us on Instagram!

Communicable Disease Profiles Webpage

We recently launched a [Communicable Disease Profiles page](#)! Starting in 2013, the Division of Environmental Health Services will be profiling a different communicable disease each month. Our goal is to raise awareness about the prevention of waterborne, foodborne, and vector-borne diseases. Check back each month for more information!



May is National Water Safety Month

Because of the popularity of swimming and water-related recreational activities in the United States, and the resulting need for ongoing public health education on safer water practices, May 2013 is recognized as National Water Safety Month. DEHS uses this annual observance month to raise awareness about healthy and safe recreational water practices.

In San Bernardino County, National Water Safety Month is being celebrated through educational programs, public service announcements via social media outreach, and the distribution of water safety-themed materials. DEHS distributed free drowning prevention materials to approximately



1,700 children and their parents at the 28th Annual Children's Day Fair that was held on May 8 at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Recreational Water Illness and Injury Prevention Week is May 20-26, 2013

The week before Memorial Day (May 20-26, 2013) is Recreational Water Illness and Injury (RWII) Prevention Week. DEHS uses this annual observance week to raise awareness about healthy and safe swimming, and to highlight ways to prevent recreational water illnesses and injuries.



Every year, thousands of Americans get sick with recreational water illnesses (RWIs), which are caused by germs found in places where we swim. Every day, two children under the age of 14 years die from drowning; it is the leading cause of death for children 1-4 years old. Healthy and safe swimming means preventing the spread of the germs that cause RWIs and keeping children safe from drowning.

Drowning is preventable, although each year thousands die and more are left with long-term consequences including memory problems, learning disabilities, and permanent loss of basic functioning (e.g., permanent vegetative state). To reduce the risk of drowning, San Bernardino County residents should:

- Prepare by making sure that:
 - o Everyone knows how to swim
 - o Older children and adults know CPR and rescue breathing
- When in the water, keep swimmers safe by:
 - o Using life jackets that fit properly for younger or weaker swimmers
 - o Providing continuous, attentive supervision close to the swimmers even if there is a lifeguard
 - o Avoiding alcohol and drugs when swimming or watching swimmers
- When NOT in the water, prevent access to the water by:
 - o Installing and maintaining barriers (for pools: 4-sided fencing and weight-bearing covers)
 - o Using locks or alarms for windows and doors

RWIs are also preventable, but prevention requires swimmers to take an active role in protecting themselves and other swimmers. Research shows that health education campaigns are an effective way to increase swimmer awareness and encourage healthy swimming behaviors. Simple steps swimmers can take to help prevent the spread of germs that cause RWIs include:

- Don't swim when you have diarrhea. You can spread germs in the water and make others sick.
- Don't swallow pool water. Avoid getting water in your mouth.
- Practice good hygiene. Shower with soap before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Germs on your body end up in the water.
- Parents of young children should remember to:
 - o Wash their children before swimming (especially their rear ends).
 - o Check diapers every 30-60 minutes. Change diapers in a bathroom or a diaper-changing area and not at poolside. Germs can spread in and around the pool.
 - o Take your kids to the bathroom every 30-60 minutes. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website has valuable information on drowning prevention (www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Water-Safety/index.html) and healthy swimming (www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming/).

Article reference: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Gaspard, Health Education Specialist, at 800-442-2283 or Amanda.Gaspard@dph.sbcounty.gov.

**We appreciate the effort you make to
protect the public's health in our County.**





CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

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San Bernardino Mountain Roads Paving Project

SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS - A project to rehabilitate the pavement on State Routes (SR) 138, 173, and 189 in the San Bernardino Mountains is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 20. The \$4.9 million dollar project has been awarded to All American Asphalt of Fontana. This project will grind, overlay, and re-stripe the roadways, plus replace the detectors and is expected to last through August 2013, weather permitting.

The work will take place Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning Monday, May 20. The work schedule is subject to change and the public will be notified if it becomes necessary.

The project will begin on westbound SR 138 at SR 18. The work will continue on SR 138 to SR 173 where it will turn around and resume on the eastbound side ending at SR 18. After SR 138 has been completed, the project will then move to eastbound SR 189 beginning at SR 18, continue to SR 173, then turn around and continue to westbound SR 189.

The final section of the project will begin on westbound SR 173 at SR 18, continue to North Bay Road, then turn around to complete eastbound SR 173 working back on the final section to SR 18.

There will be one way traffic control in all of these areas while the work is being conducted. Expect delays and plan your trip accordingly – use alternate routes or alter your travel times to avoid the work hours.

For more information on this and other Caltrans projects, visit our web site at www.caltrans8.info and click on “News and Document Center.” Also, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/caltrans8 and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/caltrans8.

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Board makes sure Devereaux remains CEO until 2017

SAN BERNARDINO – In an effort to ensure county government remains on its current positive and productive track, the Board of Supervisors today unanimously extended Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux's contract until March 2017.

Mr. Devereaux was originally contracted to serve as chief executive for five years, until 2015. The two-year extension includes an "evergreen" clause keeping Mr. Devereaux in the chief executive position after 2017 until either the board or Mr. Devereaux take alternative action.

"Greg's recommendations to the board and his management of the county organization have been invaluable in our efforts to foster effective government and to focus on building a strong, resilient local economy," said Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford. "The board today made sure we and the county will benefit from his advice and leadership as we continue this endeavor."

The board met several times in recent months to evaluate Mr. Devereaux's performance and concluded the county would benefit from having him remain as chief executive well beyond 2015.

Mr. Devereaux was hired as the county's top executive in January 2010 after the board declared it wanted to move county government in a new direction.

Rather than continue trying to improve county government through single policies and ordinances each aimed at addressing specific problems as they arose, Mr. Devereaux proposed and received board direction to pursue measures that have redefined the county's operating culture.

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During the past three years county government has:

- Established clear lines of authority within the organization, and defined and upheld the board's policy-making role and differentiated it from the role of county staff.
- Ensured board authority exists for all actions taken by county staff and connected all recommendations to the board and budget proposals to specific goals and objectives established by the board.
- Seen the board govern as a body with decisions made in public and not as individual board members giving direction out of public view.
- Enabled the board to address the needs of the county as a whole rather than as five separate districts.
- Worked with all sectors of the county community to identify a countywide vision and assisted the board in defining county government's role in achieving the vision.
- Negotiated effectively with employee associations to achieve cost savings necessary to avoid layoffs and service reductions.
- Achieved ongoing budgeting that accounts for all potential liabilities.
- Fostered an environment that attracts the investment needed to maintain systems and create opportunities for county residents.

Each year Mr. Devereaux continues to serve in his present role after 2015 rather than as "special advisor" as called for in the original contract saves the county \$91,000 plus the costs of retirement and insurance premiums.

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TWIN PEAKS – DRAWING AND SCULPTURE CLASSES

Still deciding on what to do this summer? Indulge in your own creativity with our new Drawing and Sculpture classes. Drawing I & II and Sculpture I & II, instructed by Khachik Khachatouryan, will teach the basics of drawing and sculpture, inspire those who are looking for projects and teach the fundamentals of art in a fun and artistic environment!

The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District is proud to have Khachik Khachatouryan, a world renowned artist teach and offer classes for the mountain communities! Khachik received his Masters of Fine Arts from the New York Academy of Art. He has been a public speaker at various art schools and was the assistant professor at the New York Academy of Art at Yerevan, Art Institute. Khachik won 1st place at the Wilbur Johnson National Sculpture competition and currently has a 2 year exhibition at the Huntington Library and Museum which has gained enormous attention for the exquisite detail of his work.

Khachik is professionally trained in all aspects of Art and Art History, but for those that are new to Art, he thoroughly enjoys exploring the world of art from fresh perspectives and all individuals. The Drawing and sculpture program is divided into 2 different classes, I & II. Drawing I and Sculpture I is for 6-12 year olds and Drawing II and Sculpture II is for 13 year old to adult. Everyone is welcome to take part in these exceptional programs taught by a world class artist. Hurry and register today!!



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If you would like to receive more information about professional artist Khachik Khachatouryan or see some of his works, go to www.khachatouryan.com . For registration information please call the District Office at (909) 337-7275 or go to www.rim-rec.org .

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THE 2012/2013 DANCE & GYMNASTICS EVENTS - ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Fall 2012 & Spring 2013 Dance and Gymnastics Program would like to welcome you to the 2013 Gymnastics Demonstration Saturday, June 1st and the "Spring into Summer" Dance Recital Friday, June 7th! The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District is proud to have such outstanding instructors who specialize their participants at these wonderful events.

The 2013 Gymnastics Demo will be split into two sessions. Session 1 begins at 9:15 am and Session 2 begins at 11:00 am. Michele Bryer the Gymnastics instructor will present each participant with a ribbon and certificate of achievement. Higher levels (levels 3 & 4) will be awarded trophies. All participants that have mastered skill requirements in their current level will graduate and receive recommendations for the next level. Coach Michele Bryer says, "The community is encouraged to attend and support the Rim-Rec Gymnastics team. It's an excellent opportunity for prospective students interested in joining the program to observe and meet the coaches." The Gymnastics Demonstration is a free event that offers a Meet & Greet reception after each session.

The "Spring into Summer" Dance Recital will be held in the Mary Putnam Henck Intermediate School Auditorium on Friday, June 7th at 7:00 pm. Tickets for this event can be purchased at the door. Family Passes are \$10 (2 children/2 adults), couples are \$5 and individuals are \$3. 100% of ticket sale proceeds go directly to help fund the dance program. The dance program participants have been



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dancing all season, perfecting their steps and practicing their routines. Dance instructors and recital directors, Kelly Vento and Michele Bryer have dedicated hours into this special production. They see that participants showcase their dancing capabilities with beautiful costumes, lively music in a fun and memorable occasion. The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District is very proud and thankful to have such wonderful instructors serving their community and creating such wonderful events. All parents, family, friends and the community are invited to grab a seat and enjoy a spectacular show - that will surely put a “Spring into Summer”!

The upcoming Fall 2013/Spring 2014 Dance and Gymnastic program registration will begin late August and will begin instruction in September. The Summer Gymnastics Workshop will run from June 10th through August 13th. Go to www.rim-rec.org for pricing and program details.

If you would like more information about our Dance & Gymnastic Program or other recreational programs we provide, please call the District Office at (909) 337-7275 or go to www.rim-rec.org.

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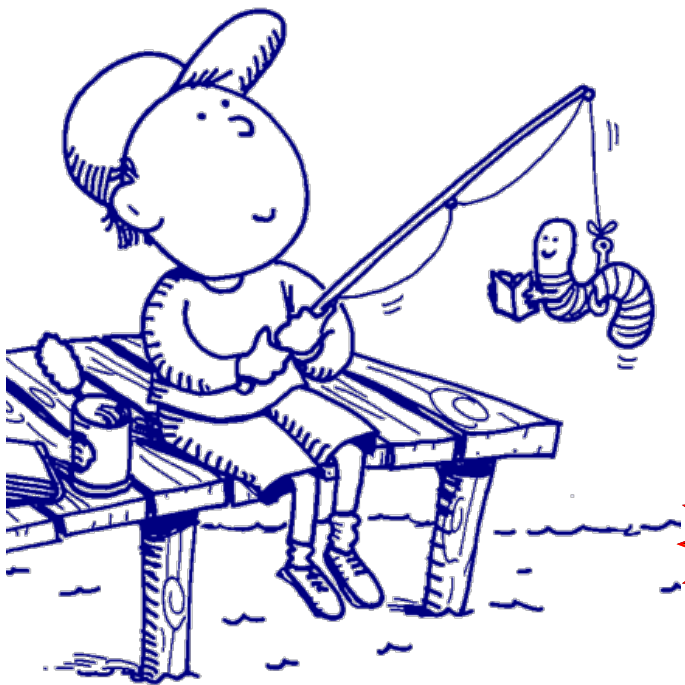
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Boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years old are invited to participate in a day of fishing and fun. Children will rotate through five stations during the day that will introduce them to the basic fundamentals of lake shore fishing. They will then get a chance to test their skills in a two hour open fishing session. All equipment and tackle will be provided. **Each child will receive a souvenir T-shirt.** Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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Make checks payable to, San Bernardino County Regional Parks. Return forms and payment to Regional Parks Department, 777 East Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0763 Attn: Junior Fishing Workshop, at least five days prior to workshop.

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Kaiser Permanente Opens New Hospital in Fontana

FONTANA, CA, May 7, 2013 –The Kaiser Permanente Fontana Medical Center opened its doors at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7. Designed with the patient in mind, this spacious 490,000 square foot, 314-bed hospital combines cutting-edge technology with a peaceful, patient-centered atmosphere. The new hospital offers:

- All private patient rooms with space for plenty of space for family members and visitors
- 24-hour Emergency Department, featuring 51 private rooms
- 24-hour pharmacy
- Bright and airy café with outside patio seating
- A healing garden and meditation room
- Room service-style meals for patients

More than 20 specialty services are available at the new hospital, including a Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Labor & Delivery, Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Units, and – coming in 2014 – Cardiac Surgery Services.

The new Fontana hospital is based on Kaiser Permanente’s template design that represents the next generation of Kaiser Permanente facilities. Its design allows for enhanced flexibility to accommodate changing practices and technologies, such as the addition of “green” features to the building. It is also designed to meet the new, more rigorous seismic safety standards.

“This hospital is all about the clinical and personal needs of our patients,” said Dr. David Quam, Area Medical Director and Chief of Staff. “Our technology is state of the art, and our healing environment focuses on personalized care. Our exceptional team of physicians and staff is committed to providing patients with the best preventive and medical care.”

“Our new Fontana Hospital is one of the largest, greenest, and most technologically advanced ever built in the area,” said Greg Christian, Executive Director, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals/Health Plan, San Bernardino County Area. “This investment symbolizes our commitment to the health of all people who live and work in the Inland Empire.”

All patient rooms are private with an acoustic design that reduces noise. Walls are decorated with warm colors and artwork – created by local artists and specially commissioned for this hospital. A family-friendly environment offers space for overnight stays and wireless Internet access, amenities which enhance the overall care experience. Numerous large windows maximize natural light which eases stress, is good for the environment, and contributes to a better patient experience.

The hospital's labor and delivery suites have a home-like setting yet contain all of the equipment needed to assist with labor, non-surgical delivery and recovery. The neonatal intensive care unit is nearby, ready to care for those babies who may require an additional level of care.

Patient meals in the new hospital will be prepared utilizing the French-inspired *sous vide* method for cooking food, which is used in the finest hotels. Patients can also order their meals room service-style – select their menu choices and indicate the time they'd prefer meals to be delivered.

The Fontana Medical Center incorporates advanced technology at every opportunity. Kaiser Permanente's electronic medical record system is accessible by computer terminals next to each bed and at nursing stations, allowing providers to retrieve essential medical information at the touch of a finger. Sophisticated imaging systems improve diagnostic and treatment capabilities. A wall-to-wall wireless network provides wireless network coverage in all areas of the new hospital to support computing devices, wireless telephones, and member access. Free Wi-Fi service throughout the facility.

Numerous environmentally-friendly design and operational features ensure that this new hospital is a place of health for the planet, too. Some of its green features include:

- White, heat-reflective roof to reduce interior cooling needs
- Use of reclaimed water for landscaping and cooling towers
- Eco-friendly wall coverings and flooring
- Furniture and fixtures that use fewer toxic chemicals
- Dual-glazed exterior windows
- Energy-efficient lighting, electrical and plumbing systems
- Use of green cleaning products by housekeeping staff
- Campus-wide recycling program

The new Kaiser Permanente Fontana hospital was designed by HMC Architects of Ontario, CA. The General Contractor is McCarthy Building Companies, Newport Beach, CA.

The Kaiser Permanente Fontana Medical Center is located at 9965 Sierra Avenue in Fontana.

About Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente is America's leading health care provider and not-for-profit health plan founded in 1945 with the mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. Care for our 8.6 million members is focused on their total health and guided by their

personal physicians, specialists and team of caregivers. Our expert medicine is empowered by industry-leading technology advances and tools for health promotion, disease prevention and chronic disease management. Through these innovations, along with clinical research, health education and community support, Kaiser Permanente is shaping the future of health care. For more information, go to www.kp.org/newscenter.

Kaiser Permanente's Fontana and Ontario Service Area has provided comprehensive, affordable health care to the Inland Empire for 70 years and serves 440,000 members. The Fontana and Ontario Service Area includes the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in Fontana and Ontario, and medical offices in Fontana, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Colton, Claremont, Montclair, Chino, San Bernardino, Victorville, Redlands, and Upland.

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Videoconferencing in Joshua Tree starts Tuesday

Participating in Board of Supervisors meetings will become much easier for Morongo Basin residents starting on Tuesday, May 7, when the board begins videoconferencing from the Bob Burke Joshua Tree County Government Center.

Through videoconferencing, the public can testify before the board, make presentations, or simply watch meetings without having to travel to San Bernardino. People addressing the board from Joshua Tree will appear on the screen in the board chambers in San Bernardino and be able to see the board while offering their comments.

"Tuesday will be an exciting day for the residents of the Morongo Basin," said Third District Supervisor James Ramos. "The residents will have greater access to their government, which they have lacked for far too long. I am pleased my colleagues supported this much-needed project and that we were able to have it up and running so quickly."

The board initiated videoconferencing in the High Desert in September 2011 to allow residents to participate in meetings without having to commute to San Bernardino. In February, the board decided to extend that service to the Morongo Basin.

"We are expecting great use of this site as Morongo Basin residents have been very vocal on recent issues affecting the desert communities," Supervisor Ramos said. "We welcome their participation and strongly encourage the use of the new video conferencing site in Joshua Tree."

The videoconferencing center is located on the first floor of the newly opened Bob Burke Joshua Tree County Government Center at 63665 Twentynine Palms Highway in Joshua Tree. The building also contains Supervisor Ramos's Morongo Basin field office as well as

offices for the Sheriff-Coroner, Land Use Services, the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, and Probation.

The public portion of Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting begins at 10 a.m. The board welcomes comments from the public on all items being considered by the board throughout each meeting as well as general comments at the end of each meeting.

Meeting agendas can be viewed at <http://cob-sire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/>. Live and archived meetings can be viewed through CountyDirect at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/main/countydirect.asp>.

Meanwhile, the county is moving the High Desert videoconferencing location from Victorville to Hesperia in an effort to increase participation. High Desert residents will briefly be unable to remotely participate in Board of Supervisors meetings during the transition period. Videoconferencing is expected to return to the High Desert in July.

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MAY 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

The complete SANBAG Board of Directors Meeting Agenda is online at:

 www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/agenda.html



Freeway Service Patrol—2012 Top Driver and Drivers of Excellence (l to r) Mario Macias, Rick Angel, Matthews Smith, and Cesar Rendon

► Freeway Service Patrol Top Drivers Honored

Assisting motorists with everything from flat tires to vehicle fires, Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) drivers responded to more than 32,000 calls for assistance in 2012. This month, the SANBAG Board acknowledged the outstanding performance of the program's drivers of excellence. Among those recognized was 2012 Top Driver, Cesar Rendon, who personally assisted over 2,000 motorists during the year. Mr. Rendon has been a driver in the FSP program for three years.

► Measure I Revenue Shows Signs of Recovery

Measure I (2010-2040), the half-cent sales tax measure that funds many transportation projects and programs in the county, is performing better than expected through the first three quarters of 2012/2013. Actual receipts for FY 12/13 January through March have shown an increase of nearly 6% from FY 11/12. Sales tax numbers are considered one of the indicators for evaluating the state of the local economy.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

► Education Focuses on Helping Kids from Cradle to Career

Dr. Gary Thomas, Superintendent of Schools for the County of San Bernardino, presented information to the SANBAG Board of Directors highlighting the keys to improving education in the county.

"We, as an entire community, need to invest in the success of our educational system," Dr. Thomas offered to the Board.

From improving reading proficiency in the early years of elementary school to advancing the efforts in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Dr. Thomas emphasized that the opportunity to transform lives through education is upon us.

Education is a key element in the SANBAG Council of Governments role and factors significantly toward achieving our vision as a county.

MAY 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MAY 8	General Policy	9:00 am
MAY 9	Metro Valley Study	9:00 am
CANCELLED	Commuter Rail/Transit	
MAY 17	Mountain/Desert	9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY	National Bike Month	
JUNE 20	SANBAG's 3rd Annual GENERAL ASSEMBLY	6:00 pm
	Ontario Convention Center	
JUN 28	Devore Interchange Groundbrkg (Tentative Date)	



Visit our [Non-motorized Transportation Plan](#) for bike maps, info, and links.



► Local Stimulus Program Concludes

In 2009, SANBAG was awarded \$128 Million in Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, or "Federal Stimulus Funds," for the I-215 Widening Project through San Bernardino. Subsequently, the SANBAG Board of Directors created a "Local Stimulus Program" in the amount of \$31.4 Million to be distributed to the city and county jurisdictions, based on a per capita basis, with no agency to receive less than \$300,000. Cities and county areas determined the best projects to fund.

Local Stimulus Program Accomplishments

• Total Number of Projects	101
• Total Actual Jobs Created	1,197
• Approx. Lane Miles Added	11
• Approx. Lane Miles Rehabilitated	221
• Approx. Linear Feet of Sidewalks Added	2,957
• Approx. Linear Feet of Sidewalks Repaired	19,407
• Number of Signals Added	6
• Roadway Safety Projects	5
• Number of Bus Shelters Added	6

With the cooperation of the staff of the member jurisdictions, the program has successfully achieved its goals to provide additional funds for local roadway rehabilitation and reconstruction; to stimulate the economy through job creation; to increase capacity, mobility, and safety; and to match other available funding sources. Following is a list of the funds distributed to the cities and county:

Local Stimulus Funds Per City/County

Adelanto	\$ 400,678
Apple Valley	\$ 990,333
Barstow	\$ 343,238
Big Bear Lake	\$ 300,000
Chino	\$ 1,193,217
Chino Hills	\$ 1,115,987
Colton	\$ 732,660
Fontana	\$ 2,679,518
Grand Terrace	\$ 300,000
Hesperia	\$ 1,250,076
Highland	\$ 742,413
Loma Linda	\$ 320,642
Montclair	\$ 523,993
Needles	\$ 300,000
Ontario	\$ 2,455,073
Rancho Cucamonga	\$ 2,519,544
Redlands	\$ 1,015,637
Rialto	\$ 1,417,889
San Bernardino, City	\$ 2,898,703
San Bernardino County, Rural	\$ 2,050,000
San Bernardino County, Urban	\$ 3,769,705
Twentynine Palms	\$ 437,067
Upland	\$ 1,063,679
Victorville	\$ 1,551,410
Yucaipa	\$ 727,458
Yucca Valley	\$ 301,079

► Train Days Attracted Community Crowds



Crowds cheered as they welcomed home the historic 3751 Steam Engine back to the Santa Fe Depot in April.



Train Days drew the community out to see old and new trains, large model train exhibits, train memorabilia, Harvey Girls exhibits, train safety displays, antique fire engines, music and food. SANBAG staff showcased several of the current transit and rail projects, including maps and renderings of the Metrolink extension, Redlands Rail Project, and the transit center coming to San Bernardino.



San Bernardino History & Railroad Museum

At the Santa Fe Depot, 1170 W. 3rd St., San Bernardino, CA
Open Saturdays: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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by
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As the gray pall of winter fades into our memory banks, and the renewal of life that spring beckons arrives, advocacy groups from across the country converge in Washington D.C. to plead the wisdom of their causes to the new Congress. I participated in several of these expeditions last month and found the tone in Washington interesting. Sequestration was raw in the minds of our representatives, leaving some to openly question why the transportation sector was demanding more when we have a bill in place for now. However, there remains general agreement that investment in infrastructure, whether transportation, water conveyance, or otherwise, is a high priority for the nation. Let's face it, we all understand that safe, well maintained, and interconnected roads and transit systems, as well as clean water and a robust power grid, are essential elements to the quality of life to which we all aspire. In fact, these tenants extend beyond our individual comfort to providing the baseline from which our nation can position itself to remain a force in the global economy in whatever form it is defined, as it rebounds from the recession that has gripped it for so many years.

You may recall that in the last issue of the QER, I lamented the lack of secure funding sources at the state and federal levels. While there appears to be a bipartisan focus in Congress on securing adequate funding to at least maintain current funding levels over a five or six year successor bill to Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the challenge lies with how to accomplish that seemingly daunting task. Stark differences in approach obviously exist mirroring political ideologies, yet the tenor in the halls remains optimistic that solutions can be chiseled out from the stone facades defining today's party lines. Assuming that this

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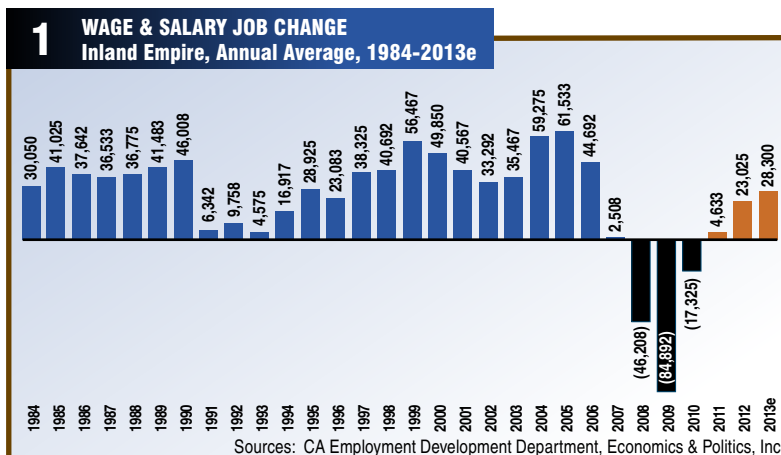
INLAND EMPIRE 2013 FORECAST ... REBOUND UNDERWAY!

John E. Husing, Ph.D.

In 2013, the Inland Empire's growth will again shift into a slightly higher gear. The data indicate that the recovery will move up from 23,025 jobs created in 2012 to an estimated 28,300 in 2013. If this occurs, a total of 55,958 local jobs will have been created in 2011-2013. That would be 37.7% of the -148,425 lost from 2008-2010 during the Great Recession (*Exhibit 1*). Average annual 2013 employment is forecasted at 1,195,400, up 2.4%. This follows a 2012 gain of 2.1% (*Exhibit 2*). Unemployment is forecasted to be 9.5% in March 2014, down from 10.5% in March 2013.

U.S. GROWTH

The U.S. economy supplies the ocean of forces affecting its regions. In 2008-2010, the country lost -8,736,000 jobs (-6.8%). It has gained back 5,787,000 jobs or 66.2% of those from March 2010 to 2013 (*Exhibit 3*). Unemployment peaked at 10.0% in October 2009. It was down to 7.6% in March 2013. Meanwhile, the use of production capacity remains low at 78.5% in March 2013, up from the record low of 66.9% in June 2009 but below the 82.5% considered full capacity. In 2013, GDP is forecasted to only grow 2.4% according to the Wall Street Journal's survey of private economists. That provides a weak framework for national job growth since growth of 3.0% is consider "normal."



With a large share of workers and productive capacity unused, the Federal Reserve has been able to keep interest rates low without fear of inflation. The overnight federal funds rate is nearly at zero (*April 2013: 0.12%*). The 10-year bond was a low 1.72% in April 2013 which

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allowed a low 30-year mortgage rate of 3.41%. Until recently, the value of the U.S. dollar was generally falling. It is still doing so against the Chinese Yuan but has risen against the Yen and Euro. Where U.S. exports were becoming cheaper to most foreign buyers, that picture is now more mixed. The key national difficulty in 2013 is the federal picture due to Congressional actions on the budget deal and sequester. While lower federal spending is helpful to the debt, the timing of the declines will likely dampen U.S. economic growth and job creation.

INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC BASE

The four sectors that normally power the Inland Empire's economic base are being somewhat helped by the national environment with logistics the primary beneficiary. Thus, the number of imported containers entering through the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach is moving closer to record highs, while a weaker dollar vis-à-vis Asia has led to record volumes of containerized exports. Combined, two-way port volume is headed for a record 11.1 million 20-foot equivalent containers in 2013 (*Exhibit 10*). Meanwhile, the expansion of e-commerce has caused even conventional retailers to begin aggressively embracing Amazon.com's creating and staffing regional fulfillment centers. With its available land for large facilities, many of these are locating in the Inland Empire. Their ultimate goal is to respond to on-line consumers with same-day deliveries. Logistics job growth thus remains strong. The sector added 4,500 jobs in 2012 and is up another 5,833 in first quarter 2013 (*see Exhibit 6*).

Health care was the only Inland Empire sector to expand employment through the recession. That growth continues with out-patient clinics, medical offices hospitals, and nursing homes hiring workers. The sector added 4,900 jobs in 2012 and is up another 4,100 in first quarter 2013. Propelling this expansion has been the increasing demand from the 1,035,970 people added in the region from 2000-2012 (25.8% of California's 4,090,106 new residents). Despite the sector's job growth, the Inland Empire remains underserved with one health care worker for every 38.5 residents versus the state's average of 28.6. That fact, combined with the poor public health metrics of the inland area means that health care employment will continue growing.

Manufacturing has had a small but positive impact in bringing outside monies into the Inland Empire's economy. The sector added 1,500 jobs in 2012 and is up another 267 in first quarter 2013. Here, the restrained growth is due to state policies that tend to discourage expansion. That is seen in that the U.S. created 490,000 (4.3%) manufacturing jobs from 2010-2013 while California added

only 5,200 (0.4%) (*Exhibit 11*). Locally, Cal State San Bernardino's Purchasing Managers Index stood at 59.7 in March 2013, among its highest readings. This indicates a desire by local manufacturing executives to expand production. The question is whether this will translate into hiring, given the regulatory stresses affecting them.

Construction has generally been one of the Inland Empire's strongest job creators. However, it has faltered since 2006. From 2006-2012, the region lost a net of 118,200 total jobs, with construction off -66,300, or 56.1% of the area's loss. In 2012, construction job growth returned, up 2,200. However, it has started 2013 down -800 jobs. That said, the sector's environment is improving. New home sales reached 1,324 units in first quarter 2013, up 38.3% (*Exhibit 14*). New home prices were up 10.2%, showing some developer pricing power. Existing home prices also rose 20.2% (*Exhibits 13 & 15*). Importantly, with rising prices, the share of homeowners with underwater mortgages has fallen to 35.7%. It was 54.9% in late 2009 (*Exhibit 9*). Meanwhile, construction workers have benefitted from infrastructure and industrial projects. In 2013, the sector should strengthen in 2013, but only a little.

In first quarter 2013, the Inland Empire's population-serving sectors including eating and drinking (7,267), amusement (3,200), other services (2,367) and retailing (1,900) are now clearly in recovery mode (*see Exhibit 6*). This is the case as the larger amounts of the money flowing into the region from basic sectors like logistics and medical care are being re-spent locally. However, growth remains muted because of the restrained inflow of funds via construction and manufacturing and the extreme difficulties facing all levels of government (-2,933). Here, the inland area is like an Old Western gold mining town

2 EMPLOYMENT FORECAST BY SECTOR & GROUP Inland Empire, 2013e							
Sector	2011	2011-2012 Change	2012	Percent	2012-2013 Forecast	2013e	Percent
Mgmt, Professions & Supply Chain	48,500	1,700	50,200	3.5%	2,000	52,200	4.0%
Higher Education	16,900	0	16,900	0.0%	1,000	17,900	5.9%
Other Higher Paying	6,800	200	7,000	2.9%	100	7,100	1.4%
Local Government	75,700	(1,600)	74,100	-2.1%	(1,000)	73,100	-1.3%
Federal & State Government	39,600	(1,400)	38,200	-3.5%	(1,500)	36,700	-3.9%
Clean Work, Good Pay	187,500	(1,100)	186,400	-0.6%	600	187,000	0.3%
Health Care	109,500	4,900	114,400	4.5%	4,500	118,900	3.9%
Financial Activities	39,900	900	40,800	2.3%	2,000	42,800	4.9%
Local Public/Private Education	110,900	1,200	112,100	1.1%	1,800	113,900	1.6%
Administrative Support & Info	55,300	(800)	54,500	-1.4%	1,000	55,500	1.8%
Clean Work, Moderate Pay	315,600	6,200	321,800	2.0%	9,300	331,100	2.9%
Distribution & Transportation	107,500	4,100	111,600	3.8%	6,500	118,100	5.8%
Manufacturing	85,100	1,500	86,600	1.8%	1,000	87,600	1.2%
Construction	59,000	2,200	61,200	3.7%	800	62,000	1.3%
Dirty Work, Moderate Pay	251,600	7,800	259,400	3.1%	8,300	267,700	3.2%
Hotel, Amusement, East & Drink	124,000	5,500	129,500	4.4%	4,000	133,500	3.1%
Retail Trade	158,500	3,200	161,700	2.0%	3,200	164,900	2.0%
Other Services	39,100	1,300	40,400	3.3%	1,800	42,200	4.5%
Employment Agcy	38,400	0	38,400	0.0%	1,000	39,400	2.6%
Agriculture	14,900	200	15,100	1.3%	100	15,200	0.7%
Social Assistance	13,900	500	14,400	3.6%	0	14,400	0.0%
Low Paying Work	388,800	10,700	399,500	2.8%	10,100	409,600	2.5%
Total, All Industries	1,143,500	23,600	1,167,100	2.1%	28,300	1,195,400	2.4%

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Source: CA Employment Development Department, Economics & Politics, Inc.

with some mines bringing lots of money to town but others in trouble. Local population serving sectors (*like general stores, saloons*) are thus expanding, but modestly.

CALIFORNIA'S GROWTH

In 2012, California added 308,900 jobs, up 2.1% versus 0.9% in 2011. This has brought California's wage and salary employment back to its 2000 level. The state added another 304,233 jobs in first quarter 2013 (2.1%), indicating a continuation of modest job growth into this year (*Exhibit 7*). In first quarter 2013, the state sectors most crucial to the Inland Empire saw job gains in construction (38,667; 6.9%), logistics (35,733; 3.3%) and health care (30,000; 2.3%), but manufacturing contracted (-2,773; -0.2%). Importantly, the Inland Empire's growth has so far exceeded the state in logistics, health care and manufacturing in early 2013 (*see page 5*). However, though construction grew statewide, it contracted in the inland area.

QER 2013 FORECAST

The 2013 Inland Empire forecast is for a gain of 28,300 jobs (2.4%), to 1,195,400. The area's March 2013 unemployment rate of 10.5% (*worst among major metropolitan areas*) should drop to 9.5% partially through local expansion and partly from jobs taken by commuters working in coastal counties. These estimates were created sector by sector based upon local trends, with allowance for the area's strengths and weaknesses plus its relationship to California and U.S. trends (*Exhibit 2*). All four broad areas of economic activity are expect to grow.

1. Clean Work, Good Paying (Over \$65,000). The Inland Empire's better paying sectors are expected to add 600 jobs in 2013 or 0.3%. This will start to reverse the loss of -1,100 positions in 2012 (-1.8%). Managers and professionals will add jobs as these sectors are recovering faster than the economy generally (2,000; 4.0%). Higher education will increase by 1,000 jobs (5.9%) after being flat in 2012. Mining and utilities will add 100 positions (1.4%) with the recovery. However, funding issues will hurt local governments (-1,000, -1.3%) and federal and state government (-1,500; -3.9%).

2. Clean Work, Moderate Paying (\$40,000-\$65,000). In 2013, the traditional office based and white collar sectors will add 9,300 jobs or 2.9%. Health care will grow by 4,500 jobs (3.9%) as the sector continues playing catch-up with previous population growth. Financial activities will expand by 2,000 positions (4.9%) with small banks growing and a stronger real estate market helping real estate and allied firms. Large banks are likely to see further shrinkage. Fortunately, local K-12 schools are growing again and should add 1,800 workers as some funding is restored (1.6%). Administrative support and information sectors will expand, up 1,000 jobs, as companies need added support in a modestly growing economy (1.8%).

3. Blue Collar, Moderate Paying (\$40,000-\$65,000). The Inland Empire's modestly educated labor force and lower costs for homes and industrial facilities have historically caused moderate paying blue collar firms to be its fastest growing sec-

tors. In 2013, some of this strength remains with the combined group expected to add 8,300 jobs (3.2%). Logistics will grow by 6,500 workers (5.8%) with the increases in international trade and the rise of fulfillment centers. Manufacturers will see 1,000 more jobs (1.2%) as a gain in product demand overcomes their reluctance to hire. The construction sector is likely to have a small gain in residential activity given the growing shortage of available homes for families and rising new home prices. Industrial building should pick up, as the vacancy rate (6.2%) is very low. Infrastructure activity will continue, given the availability of local sales tax revenues. However, a 20.9% office vacancy rate means virtually no high rise construction. Together, those considerations mean construction job growth is forecasted to increase a modest 800 jobs (1.3%).

4. Lower Paying (\$15,000-\$35,000). Like most U.S. areas, the Inland Empire's largest sectors are those paying low average incomes. In 2012, they added 10,700 jobs (2.8%). In 2013, they are expected to add another 10,100 jobs or 2.5%. The local hotel, amusement and restaurant sectors are expected to gain 4,000 jobs (3.1%) in part because of increasing tourism in the Coachella Valley. Retailing will finally see some improvement (3,200 jobs; 2.0%) as stores increase their hiring in the wake of retail sales growth of 10.7% in 2011 and 9.2% in 2012. Similarly, with the inland area's growing economic base, other services activity will increase (1,800 jobs; 4.5%). Employment agency growth will be somewhat limited (1,000 jobs; 2.6%) as more firms hire full time with the recovery maturing. The dollar's low value vis-à-vis Asia means agricultural activity should increase, though added efficiencies will limit its job growth (100 jobs; 0.7%). With the recession starting to end, social assistance will likely be flat.

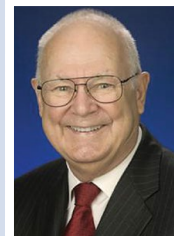
SUMMARY

In 2013, the Inland Empire economy should gain 28,300 jobs (2.4%), after adding 23,025 in 2012 and 4,633 in 2011. The expansion will continue partly because of the area's traditional advantages for blue collar sectors (*undeveloped land, modestly priced labor, growing population*), though an expansion of these sectors will be hampered by the legacy of the mortgage crisis and California's adversarial regulatory environment. Health care will remain a bright spot given the needs of a population that is younger and only modestly well off. Tight public budgets will mean further governmental job losses. With these influences impacting the local economic base, the inland area's population serving sectors will grow again, but modestly. ■

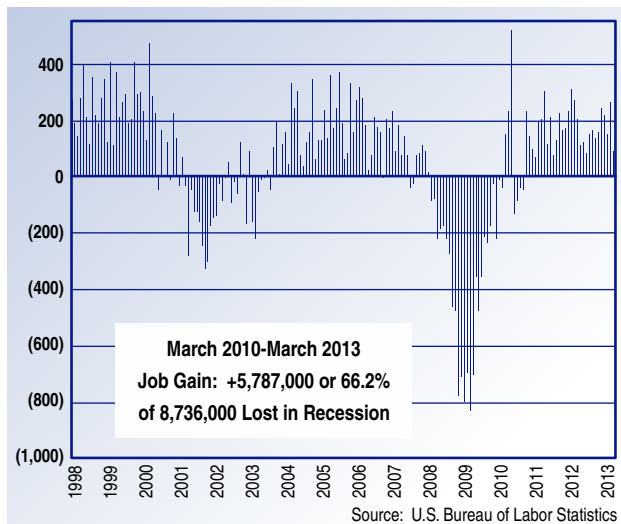
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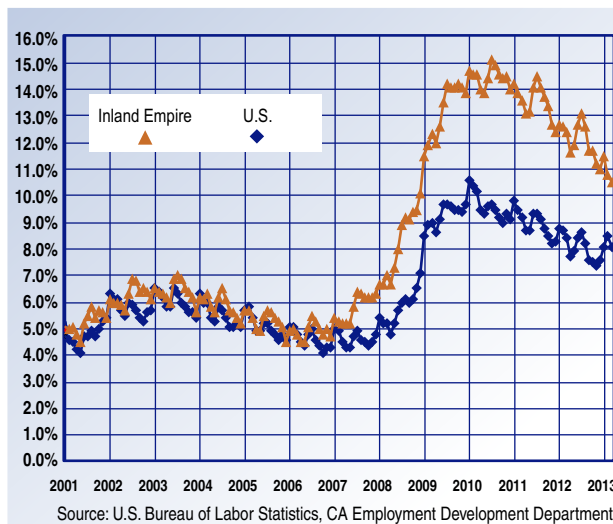


3 JOB CREATION OR DESTRUCTION U.S., 1998-2013, Seasonally Adjusted (000)



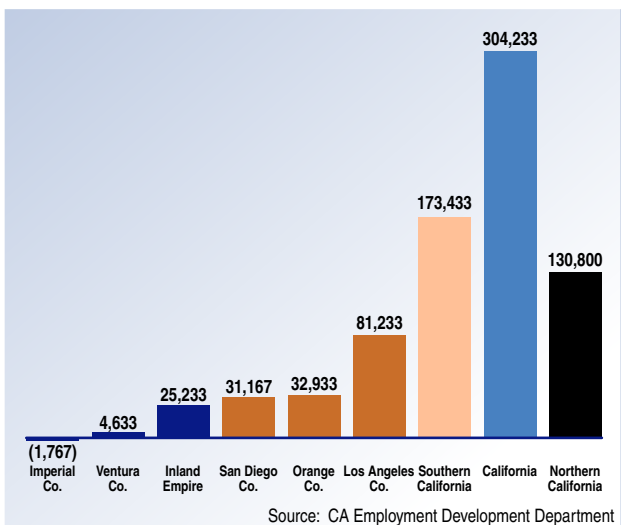
U.S. Job Creation. The deep 2008-2010 U.S. recession eliminated -8.76 million jobs (-6.8%). However, from March 2010 to March 2013, the economy created a net of 5.79 million jobs. That represents 66.2% of the jobs that were lost. It means that the ocean of national forces affecting local economies like the Inland Empire, while positive, continue to provide only slow but steady boosts to employment. This situation is likely to be the norm for the foreseeable future. In this period, private firms added 6.44 million jobs or enough to eliminate 73.6% of the jobs lost. However, the public sector lost -648,000.

4 UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT HISTORY U.S., Inland Empire, 2001-2013



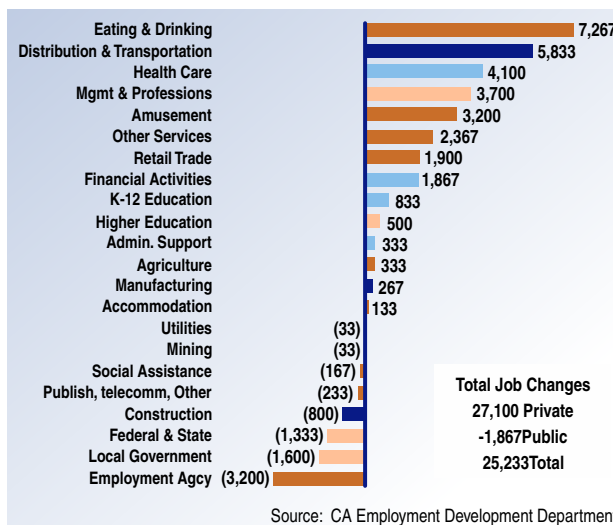
Unemployment Rates. The raw U.S. unemployment rate was 8.1% in March 2013, a traditionally difficult month. With seasonal adjustments, the official rate was 7.6%, lowest since December 2008. The raw Inland Empire rate was 10.5%, also the lowest since December 2008. The rate was 2.4% above the 8.1% national average, but the gap is narrowing. The rate fell from 12.4% in March 2012 as 34,900 more people found jobs and just 200 gave up looking, causing the number of unemployed to fall -35,000. In February 2013, the inland area still had the worst unemployment rate (10.8%) among major U.S. metropolitan areas. Chicago (10.4%) and Los Angeles (10.3%) were next.

5 JOB CHANGES California Markets, January-March, 2012-2013



Job Gains in Early 2013. The Inland Empire added 25,233 wage and salary jobs from January-March 2012-2013. This compared to 16,167 a year ago. Southern California's total growth of 173,433 jobs was up from 97,667 a year ago, indicating that that the region's overall economy is growing faster. By market, Los Angeles County (81,233) added the most jobs, followed by Orange County (32,933) and San Diego County (31,167). The inland area's 2.4% growth rate for March 2013 was its fastest for a March since 2006.

6 INLAND EMPIRE GROWING & DECLINING SECTORS Average January-March 2012-2013



Growing & Declining Sectors. The Inland Empire added 25,233 jobs from January-March 2012-2013. Employment growth was quite diverse, led by four different types of sectors. The lower paying eating & drinking sector was up 7,267 positions. Distribution and transportation, a modest paying blue collar sector was next, adding 5,833. Health care, a modest paying group, was up 4,100. Higher paying management, professional, technical and scientific firms grew by 3,700 jobs. Of other key sectors, K-12 (833) and higher (500) education turned positive as did manufacturing (267). Construction lagged (-900) while the big losers were government (-2,933) and employment agencies (-3,200).

COMPARISON OF INLAND EMPIRE VS. CALIFORNIA JOB CHANGES

In first quarter 2012 v. 2013, the Inland Empire gained 25,233 jobs, up 2.2%, while California added a net 304,233 jobs, up 2.1% (*Exhibit 7*). Employment growth in the region represented 8.3% of the jobs created in the state. That said, there were 12 sectors in which the area's growth rate exceeded California's rates and 10 where it fell short. This is determined by subtracting the growth rates for California from those of the inland region by sector (*Exhibits 7-8*).

INLAND EMPIRE STRENGTH

There were nine sectors in which the Inland Empire's growth exceeded that of California by one percent or more. The strongest performing sectors in the Inland Empire were lower paying amusement (up 18.8% v. 9.7%) and higher paying management and professions (8.2% v. 3.6%). Next were lower paying other services (up 6.0% vs. 1.5%) and eating and drinking (7.5% v. 4.2%). They were followed by modest paying financial activities (4.7% v. 2.1%), distribution and transportation (5.2% v. 3.3%) and health care (3.6% v. 2.3%). Lowest of growth over 1% were modest paying K-12 education (0.7% v. -0.4%) and lower paying agriculture (2.4% v. 1.4%).

SIMILAR GROWTH

In five sectors, Inland Empire and California growth were within 1% of each other. In three, the local area performed better than the state: lower paying retail trade (1.2% v. 0.6%), modest paying manufacturing (0.3% v. -0.2%) and lower paying accommodation (1.0% v. 0.6%). In two high paying sectors, the Inland Empire performed slightly poorer: higher education (2.8% v. 3.0%) and mining (-2.9% v. -2.6%).

INLAND EMPIRE WEAKNESS

There were eight sectors in which Inland Empire sectors underperformed California by over 1.0%. The weakest performance was among lower paying employment agencies (-8.9% v. +6.4%),

7 JOB CHANGE & SHARE OF LOSSES Inland Empire & California, January-March, 2012-2013

Sector	IE: Job Change	% Change	CA: Job Change	% Change	% Change: IE (less) CA
Amusement	3,200	18.8%	23,633	9.7%	9.1%
Mgmt & Professions	3,700	8.2%	46,900	3.6%	4.5%
Other Services	2,367	6.0%	7,667	1.5%	4.5%
Eating & Drinking	7,267	7.5%	46,300	4.2%	3.3%
Financial Activities	1,867	4.7%	16,367	2.1%	2.6%
Distribution & Transportation	5,833	5.2%	35,733	3.3%	1.8%
Health Care	4,100	3.6%	30,000	2.3%	1.3%
K-12 Education	833	0.7%	(4,600)	-0.4%	1.1%
Agriculture	333	2.4%	4,400	1.4%	1.0%
Retail Trade	1,900	1.2%	9,967	0.6%	0.5%
Manufacturing	267	0.3%	(2,733)	-0.2%	0.5%
Accommodation	133	1.0%	1,233	0.6%	0.3%
Higher Education	500	2.8%	11,233	3.0%	-0.1%
Mining	(33)	-2.9%	(767)	-2.6%	-0.2%
Federal & State	(1,333)	-3.5%	(10,833)	-2.1%	-1.3%
Local Government	(1,600)	-2.1%	(1,700)	-0.2%	-1.9%
Admin. Support	333	0.8%	16,933	3.1%	-2.4%
Social Assistance	(167)	-1.2%	3,667	1.6%	-2.7%
Utilities	(33)	-0.6%	1,400	2.4%	-3.0%
Publish, telecomm, Other	(233)	-2.0%	7,967	1.9%	-3.9%
Construction	(800)	-1.4%	38,667	6.9%	-8.3%
Employment Agcy	(3,200)	-8.9%	22,800	6.4%	-15.3%
Clean Work, Moderate Pay	6,900	2.1%	66,667	1.6%	0.5%
Lower Paying Jobs	11,833	3.0%	119,667	2.7%	0.4%
Total, All Industries	25,233	2.2%	304,233	2.1%	0.1%
Dirty Work, Moderate Pay	5,300	2.1%	71,667	2.5%	-0.4%
Clean Work, Good Pay	1,200	0.7%	46,233	1.5%	-0.9%

Note: Columns may not add due to rounding Source: CA Employment Development Department

though the local data appear questionable. The weaknesses in modest paying construction (-1.4% v. +6.9%) and high paying utilities (-0.6% v. 2.4%) reflected the inland area's lack of building and new household formation. The modest paying information sectors (-2.0% v. +1.9%) shows the lack of local info-tech firms. The poor performance of higher paying local government (-2.1% v. -0.2%) and federal and state government (-3.5% v. -2.1%) underscore the greater loss of tax revenues locally. Lower paying social assistance (-1.2% v. +1.6%) performed poorly due to the inadequacy of funding to local non-profits.

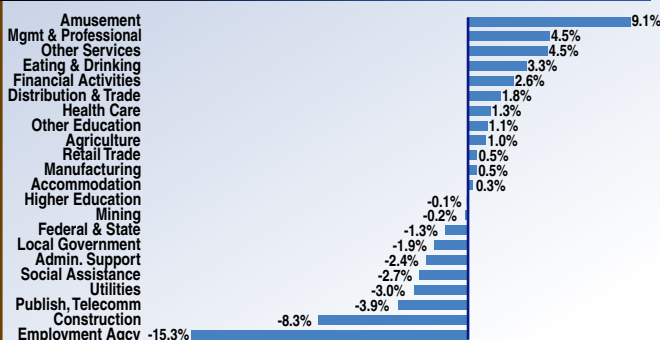
JOB GROWTH

There was a divergence between the inland sectors that outperformed California and those that created the most local jobs. The lower paying eating & drinking sector ranked first in inland job growth (7,267) but only ranked fourth in outperforming the state, doing so by 3.3%. The modest paying distribution and transportation group ranked second in local jobs creation (5,833) but only exceeded the state's growth rate by 1.8%. And, the modest paying health care group was third in local job creation (4,100) but just exceeded the state's growth by 1.3%. The higher paying management and professional sectors were third in inland job growth (3,700) and ranked second in outpacing California, doing so by 4.5%.

SUMMARY

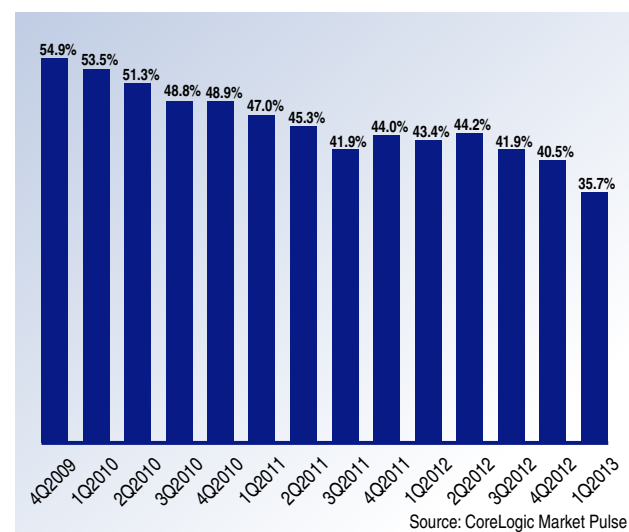
The message from these data is that the composition and performance of job growth in the sectors of the Inland Empire's economy appears to diverge substantially from that of California. Yet, the overall growth is similar (2.2% v. 2.1%). California's performance is thus crucial to job growth in the region but the form of that growth is quite distinctive. ■

8 JOB GROWTH ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES Inland Empire vs. California, By Sector, January-March 2012-2013



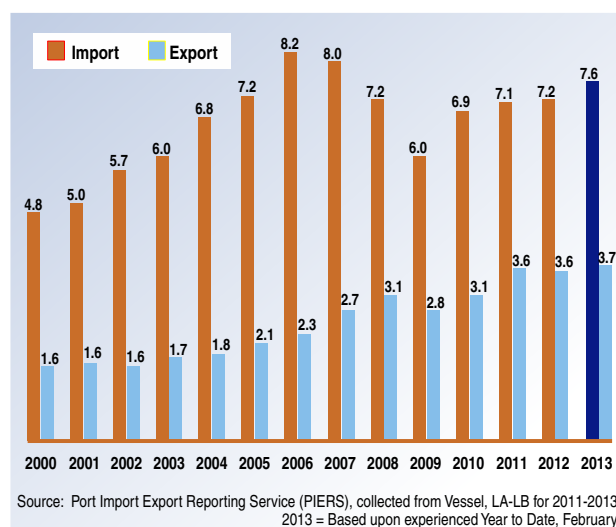
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9 SHARE OF MORTGAGE UNDERWATER Inland Empire, 4th 2009-1Q2013



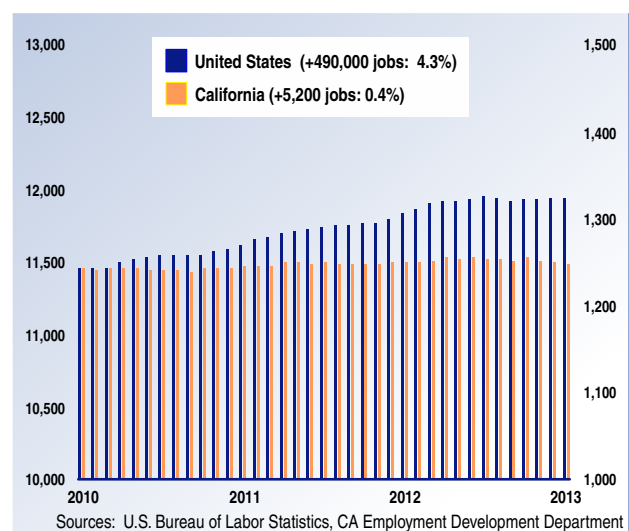
Underwater Homes. According to CoreLogic, the share of the Inland Empire's single family detached homes on which families owe more than their current market value plunged to 35.7% in first quarter 2013. This occurred largely because home prices have soared in response to high investor demand for local homes as rentals. The share that are underwater is down from 54.9% that existed in fourth quarter 2009. As the share declines, this moves the area closer to the time when residential construction will be revived. Still, more than one in three homeowners has abnormally high mortgage payments that are suppressing their spending in the local economy.

10 IMPORT & EXPORT CONTAINER VOLUME, 2000-2013e Ports of Los Angeles & Long Beach (mil. teus)



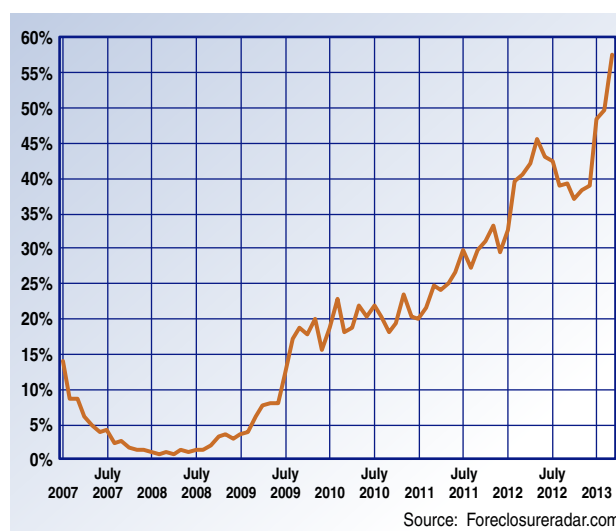
Port Import & Export Volumes. One of the key drivers of the Inland Empire's economy is the volume of cargo flowing into and out of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. In 2013, the two ports have seen a strong performance. Imported containers returned to 7.2 million 20-foot equivalent containers (teus) in 2012 and have started 2013 headed for well above that level. Exported containers tied a record in 2012 and are poised to exceed it in 2013. These data bode well for inland logistics employment as much of this cargo is processed in local warehouses.

11 MANUFACTURING JOB TRENDS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED U.S. & California, 2010-2013 (000)



U.S. vs. CA Manufacturing Growth. A sector that has traditionally done well in the Inland Empire is manufacturing. The area's cost of leased space, available blue collar workforce and somewhat lower labor costs are the most competitive in Southern California. However, California's regulatory environment has suppressed the sector's growth. The result is seen in that nationally, the U.S. created 490,000 manufacturing jobs from 2010 to early 2013, yet California gained just 5,200 in this period, putting its growth at just 0.4%. For this sector to return to its key role for the inland area, reform of the regulatory environment would appear to be a requirement.

12 DIRECT INVESTOR PURCHASE OF FORECLOSURE SALES Inland Empire, 2007-2013



Investor Direct Purchases of Foreclosed Homes. Normally, today's low home prices and modest interest rates would allow families to move back into the residential market. However, Wall Street investment firms have issued securities and amassed billions in funding to buy homes. Their intent is to rent them for extended periods before selling them for a capital gain. In March 2013, investors took 57.8% of the homes made available through the foreclosure process before they ever reach the open market. That strategy is cutting local families and realtors out of the market. In any case, families cannot compete with all cash offers by investors.

13 SINGLE FAMILY HOME PRICES 1st Quarter, 2012-2013

County	1st Qtr-12	1st Qtr-13	% Chg.
NEW HOMES			
Riverside	\$303,250	\$311,500	2.7%
San Bernardino	265,000	343,500	29.6%
Los Angeles	350,000	405,000	15.7%
Orange	554,500	667,500	20.4%
San Diego	402,500	475,000	18.0%
Ventura	339,500	395,000	16.3%
So. California	\$364,000	\$428,700	17.8%
EXISTING HOMES			
Riverside	\$190,000	\$230,250	21.2%
San Bernardino	149,250	175,000	17.3%
Los Angeles	308,000	370,000	20.1%
Orange	455,000	540,000	18.7%
San Diego	345,000	395,000	14.5%
Ventura	380,000	430,000	13.2%
So. California	\$283,600	\$342,600	20.8%

Source: Dataquick

14 HOME DEED RECORDINGS Inland Empire, 1st Quarter, 2012-2013

NEW HOMES				EXISTING HOMES			
Area	1st 12	1st 13	% Chg.	Area	1st 12	1st 13	% Chg.
Chino, CHill, Mtcl, Ont, RC, Upl	99	199	101.0%	Chino, CHill, Mtcl, Ont, RC, Upl	1,122	1,247	11.1%
Fontana, Rialto, Colton, GT	33	59	78.8%	SB Desert	410	452	10.2%
San Bernardino, Highland	37	42	13.5%	SB Mountains	572	614	7.3%
Redlands, Loma Linda, Yucaipa	16	16	0.0%	Redlands, Loma Linda, Yucaipa	418	440	5.3%
Victor Valley	88	83	-5.7%	San Bernardino, Highland	672	659	-1.9%
SB Mountains	7	5	-28.6%	Fontana, Rialto, Colton, GT	1,149	989	-13.9%
SB Desert	12	7	-41.7%	Victor Valley	1,327	1,125	-15.2%
SAN BDNO COUNTY	292	411	40.8%	SAN BDNO COUNTY	5,670	5,526	-2.5%
Beaumont, Banning, Calimesa	31	66	112.9%	Corona, Norco, Eastvale	806	855	6.1%
Murrieta, Temecula, L. Elsinore, Wildomar	214	349	63.1%	Coachella Valley	1,376	1,400	1.7%
Perris, Hemet, S. Jacinto, Menifee	106	161	51.9%	Murrieta, Temecula, L. Elsinore, Wildomar	1,452	1,440	-0.8%
Corona, Norco, Eastvale	117	172	47.0%	Perris, Hemet, S. Jacinto, Menifee	1,645	1,531	-6.9%
Riverside, Jurupa Valley	42	48	14.3%	Beaumont, Banning, Calimesa	335	306	-8.7%
Coachella Valley	81	74	-8.6%	Riverside, Jurupa Valley	1,061	922	-13.1%
Riverside Rural	58	36	-37.9%	Moreno Valley	615	526	-14.5%
Moreno Valley	16	7	-56.3%	Riverside Rural	683	535	-21.7%
RIVERSIDE COUNTY	665	913	37.3%	RIVERSIDE COUNTY	7,973	7,515	-5.7%
INLAND EMPIRE	957	1,324	38.3%	INLAND EMPIRE	13,643	13,041	-4.4%

Source: Dataquick

INLAND EMPIRE: HOUSING VOLUMES FLAT, EXISTING HOME PRICES RISING

In first quarter 2013, the Inland Empire recorded 16,585 *seasonally adjusted* existing and new home sales. Volume has bounced between 15,000-17,000 units for 11 quarters. This is occurring as the market is being fundamentally driven by foreclosures and short sales. Importantly, 35.7% of local homeowners remain underwater (*down from 54.9% in fourth quarter 2009*) and unable to sell their homes or become move-up buyers (*Exhibit 9*). With investors buying over half of foreclosed homes before they reach the market (*Exhibit 12*), and a significant share afterward they do so, existing home are prices are now 32.4% above their second quarter 2009 low. New home prices are back by 19.9% (*Exhibit 15*).

SALES

Riverside County had 7,515 existing home sales in first quarter 2013, down -5.7% from 2012. As recordings come at the end of escrow, this included many sales from fourth quarter 2012. Corona-Norco-Eastvale had the largest percentage gain, up 6.1% to 855 sales. Perris, Hemet, San Jacinto, Wildomar was the volume leader (1,531 sales; -6.9%). The county recorded 913 new home sales in first quarter 2013, up 37.3% from 2012 (*Exhibit 14*). The Pass Area led, growing 112.9% to 66 units. The volume leader was Murrieta, Temecula, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar (349 sales; up 63.1%).

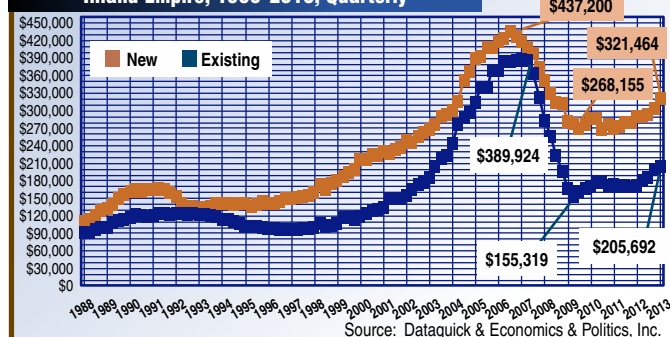
San Bernardino County's existing home sales fell to 5,526 units, off -2.5% from first quarter 2012. The area west of the I-15 had the largest sales volume (1,247) and led the county in percentage gain (11.1%). The county's first quarter 2013 new home sales rose to 411 units, up 40.8% from 2012. West of the I-15 again had the best performance, leading in volume (199) and percentage increase (101.0%).

PRICES

Riverside County's first quarter 2013 median new home price was \$311,500, up 2.7% from \$303,250 in 2012 (*Exhibit 13*). It was down from \$326,500 the prior quarter. The county's median existing home price was \$230,250, up 21.2% from \$190,000 in 2012 and up from the prior quarter's \$222,750. San Bernardino County's median new home price was \$343,500 in first quarter 2013, up 29.6% from 2012 (\$265,000) and above the prior quarter's \$326,500. Its existing median home price of \$175,000 was up 17.3% from 2012 (\$149,250) and first quarter's \$174,000. Southern California's first quarter 2013 new home price of \$428,700 was up 17.6% from 2012 (\$364,000). The region's existing home price of \$342,600 was up 20.8% from \$283,600 in 2012.

Note: The Inland Empire's median price for all homes (*not shown*) is much cheaper than for Southern California's coastal counties. Differences range from \$156,000 versus Los Angeles County to \$337,000 to Orange County.

15 PRICE TRENDS, NEW & EXISTING HOMES Inland Empire, 1988-2013, Quarterly



THE NEAR TERM FUTURE

With investors playing a heavy handed role in the market, families are being cut out of the Inland Empire's housing market. That said, the high levels of investor demand have soaked up the excess inventory of existing homes. This has created a shortage of those for sale and driven prices back to their second quarter 2003 level. As a result, developers are testing the market again resulting in small gain in volume and some increases in pricing. ■

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS

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Congress, or perhaps the next, is able to craft solid legislation to guide transportation into the latter half of this decade, our attention turns again to the state. The reality here is that it remains unlikely that we will see any movement to enhance revenues identified for transportation. Thus, the onus rests largely on the self-help county model, of which San Bernardino ascribes through Measure I, to fund important transportation projects that reduce congestion and resulting pollutants affecting our quality of life.

SANBAG'S 40 YEAR HISTORY

San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG) is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Formed in 1973 as a Council of Government (COG), SANBAG was created as the County's own sub-regional planning agency so it could have a voice at the table of Southern California's regional planning agency, the Southern California Association of Governments – also known as SCAG. The new county agency was to serve as a forum for consideration, study, and recommendation on countywide regional problems and to explore all practicable avenues for intergovernmental cooperation. At that time, there were only 14 incorporated cities in the county; today there are 24 cities. The five County Supervisors were part of the original Board of Directors and they continue in that capacity today. The newly-formed SANBAG Board began meeting monthly. "That kind of collaboration had never taken place on a monthly basis in the past," stated Wes McDaniel, who served as SANBAG's first executive director from 1973-1996.

In 1976, SANBAG was declared San Bernardino County's Transportation Authority, following the California Legislature's formation of the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Ten years later, SANBAG set out to pass its own local ½ cent sales tax measure dedicated for transportation funding in the county. In 1989, county voters approved Measure I as the vehicle to finance important transportation projects for 20 years, from 1990-2010. Fifteen years later, in 2004, county voters overwhelmingly approved the renewal of Measure I

by an 80% majority. This time, Measure I would continue for thirty years, commencing in 2010.

SUCCESESSES

As SANBAG reflects on its first 40 years, it also celebrates the largest number and largest total dollar value of projects in the works throughout its history. All projects in construction, going to construction soon, and on the drawing table combine for a grand total of approximately \$3.8 Billion in investment in transportation across the county. These are all multi-year projects.

The total value of projects currently in construction is \$1.7 Billion, projects proceeding to construction this year total \$703 Million, and projects currently working through the environmental and design process and starting construction within the next few years total \$853 Million. In addition to these major projects, we have \$606 Million in projects related to Commuter Rail and Transit improvements. SANBAG's annual operating budget is approximately \$750 Million per year. SANBAG is undoubtedly an economic engine within San Bernardino County, thanks to the vision of county leaders and the voters in passing Measure I initially and again with its renewal.

SANBAG creates solutions that transcend local boundaries. Our Board of Directors comes together every month to identify needs, set priorities, seek and approve funding, and oversee all planning. Every resident in the county is represented by their elected official serving on the SANBAG Board of Directors.

We will celebrate our 40th Anniversary at the 3rd Annual SANBAG General Assembly on June 20, 2013, at the Ontario Convention Center. Photos representing our first 40 years will be on display then. For more information, go to SANBAG's website: www.sanbag.ca.gov

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Employees honored for work toward Countywide Vision

SAN BERNARDINO – The county today honored 43 of its approximately 19,000 employees for their work exemplifying the organization's efforts to help the community achieve its Countywide Vision.

The recognition took place during the county's Public Service Recognition Award for Excellence ceremony. The annual event recognizes the everyday work of public servants. One employee from each county department is selected for an award based on outstanding service to the county and its citizens. This year, the criteria were focused on the Countywide Vision, www.sbcounty.gov/vision.

"It is important to take the time to recognize those who consistently perform above and beyond the call of duty to serve our residents and contribute to the realization of our Countywide Vision," County Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux told the honorees, many of whom were accompanied by family and co-workers. "You are the employees who I believe we can count on the most as we do our part to help the county community achieve the Vision."

Selection is based on specific criteria including customer service, initiative and leadership, accomplishments, and the commitment to the realization of our Countywide Vision. Following the awards presentation, honorees enjoyed a reception in the County Government Center Rotunda sponsored by the San Bernardino Public Employees Association.

This year marks the 24th year the County has participated in national Public Service Recognition Week. Public employees in the United States and around the world take part in the annual celebration honoring the men and women serving America as federal, state, and local government employees.

Mr. Devereaux today announced plans to expand the program in San Bernardino County next year.

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"Future honorees will include not only employees nominated by their departments, but we will also provide the opportunity to recognize employees through the launch of a new Employee Showcase," Mr. Devereaux said. "Employees will have the opportunity to present innovative ideas, share successful initiatives and outcomes, and gain valuable feedback from top county administrators."

The following County employees were recognized today:

- Debra Lunt, Aging and Adult Services
- Robert Martus, Agriculture/Weights & Measures
- Vince Corona, Airports
- Robert Coutts, Architecture & Engineering
- Adrian Martinez, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- Stacey Wilson, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk
- Lupe Perez, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- Erica Porteous, Behavioral Health
- Daniel Flores, Board of Supervisors
- Bradley Davis, Child Support Services
- Hugo Castellanos, Children & Family Services
- Anne-Michelle Ellis, Children's Network
- Lynna Monell, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- David Van Diest, Community Development and Housing
- Jessica Brown, County Administrative Office
- Beth Steigerwalt, County Counsel
- Christopher Lee, District Attorney
- Soua Vang, Economic Development
- Connie Hall, Facilities Management
- Ken Munsey, County Fire
- Lucretia Dowdy, First 5
- Bob Grisham, Fleet Management
- Veronica Rodriguez, Human Services Administration
- Kathleen Frink, Human Resources
- Christopher Starbeck, Information Services
- Daniel Avera, Land Use Services
- Stacy Cliff, Library
- Eric Prien, Museum
- Victoria Bucchino, Preschool Services
- Sharon Jaques, Probation
- Lisa Slade, Public Defender
- Bonnie Flippin, Public Health
- Tom Williams, Public Works
- Claudia Walker, Purchasing
- Jeff Wellcome, Real Estate Services
- Robert Fontaine, Regional Parks
- Terry Kouba, Registrar of Voters
- Eileen Eglund, Risk Management
- Jennie Hernandez, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator
- Lorie Judd, Special Districts
- Elizabeth Lepe, Transitional Assistance
- Claudia Frye, Veterans Affairs
- Nilda Mireles, Workforce Development



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BLM Desert Advisory Council to Meet in Ridgecrest

The next meeting of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) California Desert Advisory Council (DAC) will be held Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Ridgecrest, Calif. at a location to be announced later.

There also will be a DAC Business Meeting on Friday, June 7, from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Jawbone Station Visitors Center, California Highway 14 and Jawbone Canyon Rd., Cantil, Calif. Details will be posted on the web page, <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html>, when finalized. There will be no field trip.

Agenda topics for the Saturday meeting will include a focus on the West Mojave Plan, as well as updates by council members, the BLM California Desert District manager, five field office managers, and council subgroups. Final agenda items will be posted on the DAC web page listed above.

All DAC meetings, including Friday's business meeting, are open to the public. The public will be invited to comment at the beginning of the meeting Saturday morning, during the presentations at the discretion of the DAC chair, and at the end of the meeting. While the meeting is tentatively scheduled to conclude at 4:30 p.m., it could wrap up earlier should the council conclude its presentations and discussions.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting and should be addressed to the Desert Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

For more information regarding the DAC meeting, contact David Briery, BLM California Desert District External Affairs at (951) 697-5220 or dbriery@blm.gov.

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